



Pass and Review

From left: Col. Charles Preysler, Lt. Col. Robert McCarthy, 173d Airborne Brigade deputy commander, and Col. Kevin Owens salute the colors while surveying the troops during the pass and review portion of the change of command ceremony held Friday on Hoekstra Field. (Photo by Spc. Justin Nieto, SETAF Public Affairs)

Preysler takes command of 173d Airborne Brigade

By Staff Sgt. Jacob Caldwell
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After having led the 173d Airborne Brigade in a historic, year-long deployment in Afghanistan, Col. Kevin Owens relinquished command of the brigade on Hoekstra Parade Field Friday.

Owens assumed command of the brigade June 24, 2004 and immediately began preparing the brigade for deployment to Afghanistan. He participated in Operation Enduring Freedom twice, first with the 75th Ranger Regiment and most recently as commander of Combined Task Force Bayonet during Operation Enduring Freedom VI. Prior to the command, he served as the Southern European Task Force – G3 operations officer.

Owens will serve next at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk.

The 173d Abn Bde welcomed Col. Charles Preysler as their new commander. Preysler was previously the SETAF G3.

Preysler commanded the 2d Battalion, 187th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division, during rotations to both Afghanistan and Iraq.

Maj. Gen. Jason Kamiya, Southern European Task Force commanding general, spoke fondly of Owens during remarks made at the ceremony.

“He is a soldier of enormous heart,” said Owens, “A heart that has extraordinary compassion for soldiers and soldiering. A heart that embraces the organization, builds teams from diverse elements, and orients them towards common goals. And finally, a heart that has pumped remarkable degrees of competence, confidence, greatness, and vision across this brigade formation,” said Kamiya.

Owens followed Kamiya, speaking from the heart about the paratroopers with whom he has served for the past two

years.

“Success on today’s battlefield demands agility, flexibility, and adaptability,” said Owens, “It requires compassion on one day, and cold detachment the next. That’s what these paratroopers used to attack the Taliban and the forces of stupidity.”

“In a dusty village of mud-walled buildings, lieutenants and sergeants carry a nation’s tasks on their shoulders. They talk with afghan village elders, practicing the diplomacy they learned in elementary school and college,” said Owens, “They drink tea and talk of a better life, all the while prepared to apply military force; precisely, decisively, and absolutely.”

“No one told them how to do it but America looks for men with the broadest shoulders and gives them the heaviest loads to carry.”

“Chip,” said Owens referring to Preysler, “It goes by in the blink of an eye, brother.”

Memorial to honor fallen warriors unveiled

Story and photos by Spc. Justin Nieto
SETAF Public Affairs

The Soldiers and civilians of the SETAF military community revealed a touching tribute to the fallen Soldiers of recent deployments on June 19—the Fallen Warrior Memorial.

Situated behind the post’s flag poles, in front of building one, the memorial is a statue of the Lion of St. Mark and bears the names of 27 Soldiers who died in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

The memorial was possible through the generous donations of Soldiers, civilians and the Mediterranean Chapter of the Association of the United States Army.

“Thank you for coming today to pay your respect to 27 of our fellow comrades in arms who fell on the field of battle,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Weik, SETAF command sergeant major and president of the Mediterranean Chapter of the AUSA, as he addressed the crowd at the dedication ceremony. “Your presence today honors their sacrifice and their memory.”

“It is said that you can measure the character of a country in the context of four pillars; how they raise their children, how they treat their old; how they punish their wayward; and how they honor their fallen,” continued Weik. “If we go by the four pillars stated, I would say that this community is in good hands.”

Weik stated he hoped the memorial would have its desired effect on the Soldiers and civilians, both present and those yet to come, in the SETAF community.

“Hopefully, many generations of Soldiers and paratroopers will walk, run or just stand and reflect by this monument,” said Weik. “And they will know that those names in bronze stand for freedom; that these names stand for sacrifice; and these names stand for honor.”

With the help of Maj. Gen. Jason Kamiya, Weik unveiled the monument for the crowd, and gave way to the commander



Above:: Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Weik, SETAF command sergeant major, pulls back the sheet revealing the marble statue of the Lion of St. Mark, which stands atop the Fallen Warror memorial.

of the Southern European Task Force.

“This memorial of stone and marble stands before you now as our modest tribute to their sacrifices made in the name of freedom,” said Kamiya.

“They were not forced to do this job. They asked only to serve and in doing so, made the ultimate sacrifice for not only their own country, but for the oppressed peoples everywhere,” said Kamiya. “These 27 brave men gave up their lives in the effort to make a better future; a future filled with hope and promise for their fellow Soldiers, and for the Iraqi and Afghan people.”

“While many of us will move on from Caserma Ederle, this monument will serve as a constant reminder of the sacrifices made by those we remember on this day,” said Kamiya.

From the Commander

From Maj. Gen. Jason Kamiya
SETAF commander

June 19, the SETAF command and community unveiled the Fallen Warrior Memorial donated to the U.S. government by the Association of the United States Army European Chapter. This memorial is meant to honor Soldiers who lost their lives in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, and be a place to memorialize those who may fall in future combat operations undertaken by Soldiers from our community.

This is a grand and fitting monument to honor our fallen warriors.

It was our plan, as we made final preparations for the dedication, to notify the next of kin of all the Soldiers who were memorialized about the dedication so they would know that our community was coming together to once again memorialize their loved ones.

However, I have discovered that we did not notify all the next of kin and for this oversight I apologize to all whom we have offended. The dedication of the memorial was the culmination of a year of planning and hard work by many organizations and individuals and this memorial is a fitting tribute to the Soldiers from our SETAF community who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. We have not and will not forget their sacrifices or the sacrifices of their families, this memorial will ensure that from ever happening.

Planned as a part of the dedication, the families of the fallen Soldiers will receive a packet with both video and photos of the monument unveiling, in the coming weeks. I hope these products bring some consolation to the families and friends of the fallen and let them know their loved ones will not be forgotten and are forever held in esteem by our SETAF community.

It is my desire that this monument will also serve as an eternal rally point for Soldiers and units who shall serve here in Vicenza in the years to come.

One Team!

Ostlund takes command of 'The Rock'

By Spc. Jon H. Arguello
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After monumental success in the ramping up to, knee deep in, and celebratory return from the 173d Airborne Brigade's deployment to Afghanistan, the 2d Battalion 503d Infantry (Airborne) received a new commander June 20, during a change of command ceremony on Hoekstra Field here.

The ceremony included the traditional passing of the colors and a pass in review, in addition to speeches by Col. Kevin Owens, 173d Airborne Brigade commander, as well as the incoming and outgoing commanders.

Lt. Col. Mark Stammer, the outgoing commander, said his troops were some of the best in the Army and that it was "a distinct pleasure to serve among them, as one of them." He was proud of the work his battalion did in Afghanistan, Stammer added.

"We went to Afghanistan to defeat terrorism, prevent Afghanistan from being used by terrorists, improve its diplomatic, information and economic systems, and to improve the quality of life for all Afghan people, and we did that," he said to the crowd gathered to watch the ceremony.

The Rock was extremely proactive during its deployment to Afghanistan where its Soldiers rocked the enemy in multiple large-scale battles leaving no doubt that the enemy would be killed quickly and efficiently if they squared up against the battalion's paratroopers.

The Rock engaged the enemy so effectively in fact, that the 2-503d would chalk up the most kinetically active year in Afghanistan since the War began there in 2001.

But the paratroopers did more than prove how lethal and proficient they are as warriors. The Soldiers also delivered civil assistance packages, provided medical care and brought a general feeling of stability to the people of southern Afghanistan.

For the first time, a great number of innocent Afghan civilians were shielded from the barbarity of the Taliban and their tactics of harassing and intimidating the local population.

Soon after the paratroopers' return from Afghanistan however, Stammer's reign as commander of The Rock, would also come to a close. Stammer said although he would miss being around the paratroopers and leaders of the 2-503d Inf (Abn) he would not be going far.

"The hardest part will be not being among these outstanding Soldiers on a daily basis. However, as the Southern European Task Force G3, I will not be going far,

and will continue to watch how the battalion continues to excel," said Stammer.

Col. Kevin Owens, 173d Abn Bde commander, spoke of the tenacity of the unit and its leader during the ceremony.

"In its short history since reactivation four years ago, 2d



Lt. Col. William Ostlund (second from left) receives the 2d Battalion, 503d Infantry (Airborne) colors June 20 from Col. Kevin Owens, 173d Airborne Brigade commander. With the colors, Ostlund received command of the battalion and its battle-tested paratroopers. (Photo by Sgt. Adrian Schulte, SETAF Public Affairs)

Battalion, 503d Infantry Brigade, "Task Force Rock," has always been on the go," said Owens, "It was built just in time to jump into Northern Iraq. It regrouped and trained for a year; and this past year, deployed to Afghanistan. It has never known rest... only war... something it is particularly good at."

"And though Lieutenant Colonel Stammer will always want you to think of him as more of a knuckle-dragger than a man of letters... Mark, don't worry... no commander that I'm aware of so dominated his battle-space as he did: militarily, socially, economically, and politically," said Owens.

Lt. Col. William Ostlund, previously European Command's Strategic Command J5 Support Section chief, was welcomed by Owens and Stammer as the battalion's new commander.

Ostlund is no stranger to the 173d Abn Bde or the 2-503d Inf (Abn). He served from 2001 - 2004 in Italy in various roles throughout the brigade, including time as the brigade S3 and watched the 2-503d Inf (Abn) stand up.

"I watched 'The Rock' stand up as a battalion founded on standards, discipline, proficiency – and an ability to move quickly with little guidance and always execute to standards," said Ostlund. "And I was welcomed into a very professional, combat-hardened organization that continues to consistently demonstrate discipline, readiness and proficiency."

Ostlund said he would continue to provide the brigade the same professional, combat ready team in the tradition of excellence established and consistently demonstrated by Rock leaders and paratroopers, whether the mission be forced entry combat or stability and support operation when, where and with whomever ordered.

The Rock's new commander also thanked his veteran paratroopers for their service to their country.

"Without the paratroopers, noncommissioned officers, officers and families of The Rock, we would not have The Rock and without our volunteers – men like you – we would not have an Army, or, for long, the great country we cherish and defend."

The Community Action Council will not meet in June. The next Community Action Council meeting will be July 26 in the Ederle Theater at 9 a.m.

Community Action Council

This forum is to discuss issues affecting the community. If you have an issue you wish to submit, visit the USAG Vicenza Web site at www.usag.vicenza.army.mil and click on the Community Action Council link. This link provides you the opportunity to review issues that have been previously submitted and responded to by post agencies. There is also a form available for you to submit any new issue you would like addressed. If you have questions, call 634-5222 or 0444-71-5222 from off post.

The command encourages you to identify yourself when submitting a CAC issue in order to be able to answer your concern directly.

The command also reminds the community that CAC issues submitted containing vulgar, derogatory or inflammatory language will not be addressed.

Childcare is offered during the CAC at \$4 per hour, per child, for children ages 6 weeks old through kindergarten from 8:45-11:15 a.m. Preregistration is required. Children will be cared for in the Child Development Center, building 395. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services Central Registration. Call 634-7219 or stop by their location in the Davis Family Readiness Center.

The CAC will not be held in June.

Issue: Construction finished over a month ago in the Chapel parking lot, yet the wood covering is still down over a portion of the sidewalk...over dirt that should be seeded. Areas of the curb by the recycle bins are missing and damaged, a 2x10 board with rubber matting has been on the sidewalk

for weeks, and the area where the dirt was dug up, is mixed with large rocks (3-4 inches in diameter).

Every week hundreds of people and guests walk out of the Chapel and see the mess. Why can't we do a better job of cleaning up? If this was contracted, the Quality Assurance was very poor.

Response from Directorate of Public Works: The wood covering that is referenced was placed over the dirt at the completion of trenching work in order to prevent mud from being tracked into the Chapel. Now that the weather is suitable for seeding and growing of new grass, the contractor has returned to remove the wood and prepare/seed the soil. This was completed by May 6. The larger rocks have also been removed from the soil.

A work order has been submitted to fix the damaged curb and remove the rubber matting and board (both matting and board have been removed) at the sidewalk near the recycling containers. This damaged curb and material were not a result of the contract.

Issue: I think the military police is doing a wonderful job keeping traffic from passing the school bus at the corner of Thomas Edison and Leonardo Di Vinci, however I feel this is merely a "band-aid" for it also causes traffic to back up while waiting for the school bus to load.

I think I have a great suggestion that the community would love because it adds both safety to the children, reduces the morning traffic congestion and does not require the use of MP's for such a mundane task.

Recommendation: I suggest you move the bus stop back 20 feet in front of building 224. My son could still wait at the current bus stop, but when the bus is ready to load,

merely walk 20 feet or four car lengths to the bus, without the worry of passing traffic, inconveniencing the 60 percent of the residents that must pass through this corner, or take away from the law enforcement requirements.

Response from the Directorate of Emergency Services: While I agree the writer of this issue has some valid points, the bigger issue to me is child safety.

While moving the bus stop back as the writer suggests would certainly prevent the bus from being passed illegally, it sets the conditions for a larger problem to occur.

The intersection of Via Leonardo Di Vinci and Via Thomas Edison would become unacceptably dangerous for children crossing those streets to meet the school bus.

After I received this issue, I spent the next three mornings at this bus stop. What I witnessed were a large number of children running or walking to the bus after it had already stopped. Many of these children were crossing the street where, if the bus stop was moved, cars would legally be able to drive. This concerns me more than the current circumstances.

Issue: Yesterday when I got home my children's basketball goal was down at first. I assumed it was broken until my husband informed me that military police came to our door to inform us that we had to remove our goal, and that the kids can no longer play on their own basketball goals because a resident of the housing area had put in a complaint, saying it was a safety hazard.

Recommendation: There is already not enough to do for our teenagers around Vicenza, playing basketball keeps them occupied and out of trouble. I think if

everyone sticks to the speed limit and keeps an eye out for the children in the housing area then it will not be a problem.

Response from DES: The writer of this issue has many valid concerns. Unfortunately, on that particular day, the children (and their parents) to which the writer refers, left the MP patrol, who responded to the loud noise and safety complaint that day, little choice but to take the action they took.

The complaint received on the day discussed above was about excessive noise, disruptive behavior by teenagers and about the safety of the children playing.

In the days before this complaint only one basketball goal had been in play and it had been placed to the east of the Via Ralph C. Emerson and Viale C Augusto intersection on Viale C Augusto. At that point, there really was no safety concern as the children were staying off of Via Ralph C. Emerson.

When the MP patrol responded to this complaint, they found a large number of teenagers watching and playing at two basketball goals which had been moved closer to the corner of the intersection. This caused the teenagers to be playing clearly on Via Ralph C. Emerson and they were being very loud. There was a portable music box being used. While I encourage our young people to enjoy fresh air and be active, I believe it is incumbent upon me to stress public safety.

Playing in the street, on what is probably the most traveled intersection on Villaggio, is inherently dangerous.

A reasonable solution is to set up these kinds of activities at safer locations, and we encourage parents to get involved and help be the judge of this.

Sobering facts part of Safety Stand Down day

By Diana Bahr

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

"Monday through Friday, between the hours of 10 p.m. and 1 a.m., one out of every 13 vehicles on the road contains a drunk driver," said to Ann Campbell, Army Substance Abuse Program director, quoting statistics from the National Highway Safety Administration.

Campbell made the startling statement during the USAG Vicenza Safety Office's Safety Stand Down Thursday, which emphasized motor vehicle and driver safety.

"On weekends, that number rises to one out of every seven vehicles," she said. "And for the first time a person has been caught driving drunk, that person has NOT been caught driving drunk 65 times before."

Drivers who have a Blood Alcohol Content of .05, which is the legal limit to be charged DUI in Europe, are six times more likely to have an accident, Campbell stressed. Often, that's two drinks for a 170-pound man – less than two drinks for a woman. Campbell went on to talk to the participants about the effects of alcohol on the body.

"When we talk about Blood Alcohol Content," she said. "We use the model of one drink on a male who weighs 170 pounds. People often don't remember that fact and think that having one drink is fine, but it all depends on the person—their gender and weight. Women cannot drink as much as

men—it's a proven, scientific fact."

Campbell's sobering facts were emphasized by the next speaker, Adeal Frater, deputy director for the Directorate of Emergency Services, which encompasses the Caserma Ederle Fire Department, the Office of the Provost Marshal and the Military Police.

There have been 30 DUIs in this community since January 1 and 131 traffic accidents between January 1 and June 6, said Frater.

"Drinking and driving is everyone's business," stress Frater during his portion of the briefing. "Every six days, since January first, we've had a DUI; every five days we have a traffic accident involving injuries."

For many in the audience the statistics raised eyebrows and one member of the audience asked if the rise in DUIs and accidents was a result of the recent redeployment of the Soldiers from Afghanistan.

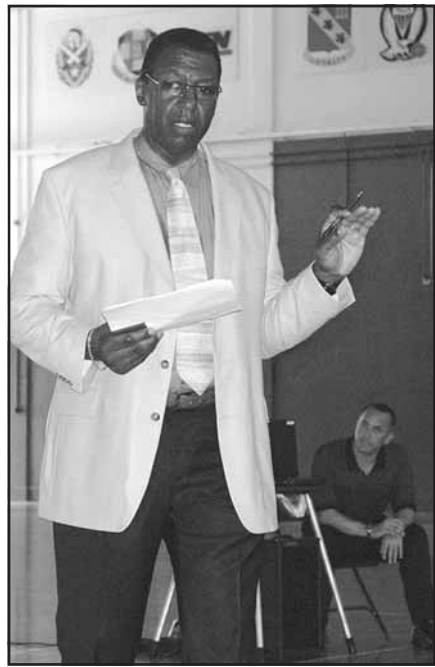
Not necessarily, replied Frater, although he said that the many Soldiers were charged with DUI during the time frame he mentioned earlier. Most of the accidents we have are caused by speeding and failure to yield right-of-way, he said.

"We need to obey the rules of the road," Frater said. "Just because we live in Italy, doesn't mean we can drive like the Italians. We drive worse than the Italians because we have more accidents (rate per thousand) than they do. We need everybody's voluntary compliance with the rules of the road to reduce accidents to save people from injuries and reduce the cost of insurance."

The audience then sat through the Driving in Italy training film to refresh their knowledge of Italian and European driving rules and regulations and basic driving common sense.

Next on the agenda was a brief presentation about bicycle safety and the audience was reminded that, for Americans, wearing a helmet while riding a bicycle on post is mandatory.

"Not all helmets are approved for wear," said Dean Davis, USAG Vicenza Safety Office, who was one of the safety officers responsible for organizing the Safety Stand Down. "For example, Kevlar helmets and construction hard hats are not acceptable headgear when riding a bicycle on post."



Adeal Frater, deputy director, Directorate of Emergency Services, speaks to community members during the Safety Stand Down Thursday in the fitness center gym.



Ann Campbell (standing), Army Substance Abuse Program director, describes the effects of alcohol on the body to participants of the Safety Stand Down day held Thursday at the fitness center gym. (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff)

The Safety Stand Down concluded with a talk about motorcycle safety given by Todd Johnston, USAG Vicenza Directorate of Logistics Transportation Division chief.

"Italy has the second highest motorcycle use on earth," said Johnston. And yes, Italian bikers are very aggressive – weaving in and out of traffic and riding between cars along the autostrada at extremely high speeds. The problem is that most of them do not have any formal motorcycle rider training, he continued.

One of the biggest problems is that, while motorcycles can accelerate faster than cars (go from

0-60mph in 3 seconds versus 0-60 in about 8 seconds for most cars), they still need the same amount of distance to come to a complete stop, a fact that may vehicle drivers don't realize.

Johnston went on to explain that many motorcycle/vehicle accidents are caused by inattentive drivers who don't see the motorcycle coming up behind them – often because the bike is traveling at a high rate of speed or in the driver's blind spot.

Another problem for vehicle drivers is children riding along the road on a motorscooter. Until recently, children age 14 and over were able to buy a bike and take off

– no rider instruction, no helmet, and usually a couple of friends piled on the scooter along for the ride. Italian law now requires helmets to be worn by scooter and motorcycle riders and scooter drivers must have basic driver's training and pass a driver's test, and this had brought down the number of young scooter riders.

"On behalf of myself and all my friends who riding motorcycles in Italy, please be aware of your surroundings," he said. "Check all mirrors when making a turn – because a motorcycle or a scooter may be coming from your blind side. They won't stop, so it's up to you to take that couple extra seconds and possibly stop an accident."

Deadline looms for Common Access Card logon implementation

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U.S. Army, Europe and Installation Management Agency-Europe Soldiers and civilian employees already use their common access cards as "passports" through the gates of installations where they live and work. Soon, the cards will also provide entry to USAREUR's computer networks.

The Department of Defense began issuing CAC or "smart" cards in 2000, and Soldiers and civilian employees have since used them to digitally sign documents or encrypt e-mail, verify deployment readiness and create travel orders and vouchers.

And use of the chip-equipped cards is still expanding: Homeland Security

Presidential Directive 12 directs all federal government employees to use smart cards when they access official computer networks. DoD has set an implementation date of July 31 for smart card logon; the Army's deadline is June 30.

USAREUR and IMA-EURO information management staff will phase in the login capability in the coming weeks, according to Col. David De Vries, USAREUR assistant deputy chief of staff for information.

De Vries said smart card logon increases computer network security by ensuring two-factor identification. Each user must provide both the smart card and the personal identification number associated with it – as De Vries put it, network access will require "something you have, and something you know."

Smart card logon implementation has already begun across the theater, De Vries said, as systems administrators push software to user's computers, prompting a dialogue box at the next user logon.

The dialogue box asks users to associate their smart cards with their logon accounts by entering the Personnel Identification Number stored on the smart card. Once this is done, he said, within 24 hours smart card network access is possible.

Happy Barranco, USAREUR PKI program manager, said while smart card logon is phasing in, users can still access the network by entering a user name and password, but she encourages people to adopt the new system.

"The advantage to using the smart card will be that you don't have to change your password

every 60 days," she said.

Some USAREUR network users are not eligible for common access cards, Barranco said, including:

- Local national employees in Italy and Greece
- Family members
- Retirees
- Employees of non-DoD organizations such as the Red Cross and Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts of America

• Holders of role-based accounts, such as watch officers; and secondary accounts, such as system administrators and reserve military personnel.

When smart card logon implementation is complete, Barranco said, standard Outlook Web mail access will not work until the theater migrates to the new e-mail system some time in 2007.

Access can be approved on a case-by-case basis, and those whose duties require it should contact their systems administrator or information management officer, she said.

For more information, contact your unit information management officer.

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Need to reset your CAC PIN?

USAG Vicenza assigned personnel may re-set their CAC PIN by visiting the ID Card Section at the Central Processing Facility, located in the Golden Lion.

Common practice in U.S. Army, not so for Italy

Vicenza health clinic staff teach Italian Soldiers to train medics

By Laura Kreider

Outlook Staff

U.S. servicemembers are used to having a medic, or two, readily available when they take to the field, but that's not often the case for other countries.

With this in mind, the U.S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza launched a Combat Lifesaver course last year where clinic staff paramedics taught the basics of CLS to Italian Soldiers.

"We taught Combat life Saver skills to Italian Soldiers," said Max Scudeler, U.S. Army Health Clinic Vicenza medical assistant. Scudeler, who is Italian, is also a certified Italian paramedic and trained to American Medical Department standards. "We familiarized the students with equipment such as the CAT tourniquet, the Asherman chest valve, and the Israeli dressing. The correct use and application of these appliances can make the difference in life or death on the battle field. All skills are taught in accordance with the Army CLS manuals."

Assisting Scudeler, was Roy Visona', who also works at the health clinic as an orthopedic technician, and is also a qualified paramedic and instructor trained to the same standards.

Responsible for organizing the training were Italian Soldiers from the SETAF G-3 section, Sgt. Maj. Ennio Zavagno, Sgt. Maj. Sergio Bondielli, and Sgt. Maj. Gennaro Novello, who helped with translations and guidance for their fellow Italian Soldiers.

"The first CLS class was so successful, that the decision was made to give Train the Trainer classes," said Visona'. "We held one class with the 5th RIGEL Army Aviation unit in Casara March 6-10, and a second class May 8-12 for the 5th Artiglieria de Portogruaro."

"This [CLS Train the Trainer] is a new concept for the Italian military," said Scudeler. "This is the first exposure to this type of class for these Soldiers. But they understand the concept of a medic from working alongside coalition Soldiers during missions."

The results of the March class so impressed Lt. Col. (Dr.) Sergio Viridis, senior medical officer of the 5th RIGEL, that he took three weeks leave to translate the manuals into Italian.

"Lieutenant Colonel Viridis was passionate about this training and took the Train the Trainer concept to his regiment commander, who backed him," said Scudeler.

"They are the first Italian Army unit to decide, based on what they learned here in the March class, to hold classes



Max Scudeler, U.S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza medical assistant, shows Italian Soldiers from the 5th Artiglieria di Portogruaro unit how to apply an intravenous drip. Scudeler, who is Italian, is also a certified Italian paramedic and trained to American Medical Department standards. The unit, which has since left for Afghanistan, was undergoing a Train the Trainer Combat Lifesaver course. (Photos by Paolo Bovo, 7th ATC Photo Lab)

for other Italian units," said Scudeler.

Upon completion of the week's training the troops were given a final exam and had to pass a field exercise –both of which were witnessed by USAHC-Vicenza commander, Col. Bradley Harper, along with several high-ranking Italian personnel.

"We are excited to pass on our paramedical knowledge," said Visona'. "Especially since the Soldiers of the 5th Artiglieria de Portogruaro are now on their way to Afghanistan. We hope they won't have to use the skills they've learned here, but if they do, we feel they will be a credit to their unit."



Above: Roy Visona, U.S. Army Health Clinic orthopedic technician, applies moulage to an Italian Soldier during a Train the Trainer Combat Lifesaver course taught on Caserma Ederle May 8-12. Visona, an Italian, is also a paramedic and trained to the American Medical Department's standards. Top right: In this scenario, three Soldiers played injured troops and there nine medics – but only one aide bag available. This meant the medics had to not only share equipment, but they would have to improvise treatment – situations they would actually find themselves in during combat. The medics are apply a sam-splint, a field-expedient splint. Bottom right: Visona supervises Italian medics as they practice the combat lifesaving skills they learned during the five days of training on Caserma Ederle May 8-12. The Soldiers were members of the 5th Artiglieria di Portogruaro unit, which has since left for Afghanistan.



Above: Canvas shop specialist Mauro Stocchero, works on a breast magazine ammunition pouch. Right: Stocchero, right, shows a model to Mario Dalla Massara, IMMA equipment specialist. At times, before producing the requested items, Stocchero prepares the models from other similar items or photos.



Stocchero works on about 1,000 pieces of body armors at the canvas shop after the Soldiers came back from Afghanistan.

IMMA worker uses creative skills to help Soldiers

Story and photos by Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

An Italian employee who works on Caserma Ederle can remember very well the day he first set foot here, since it happened the day after Independence Day in 2000.

After working close to six years on post, Mauro Stocchero, who runs the Canvas Shop at IMMA, may not be as well-known as other faces who take care of customer service, but certainly his talent has been useful to many Soldiers – especially during deployment.

Mainly, his job takes place in one hidden room near the POV inspection point.

In this small building, a canvas workshop covers several functions that go from making breast magazine ammunition pouches to putting together ammunition vests to repairing vehicles canvas tarps or chairs returning from Operation Enduring Freedom.



Above: Detail of a thigh pistol holster fabricated by Mauro Stocchero.

Stocchero works as the only employee of the workshop, and over the past six years, he also had the chance to design some models – at times basing his design only on an out-of-scale picture.

Some of these items include products fabricated for the 173d Airborne Brigade and SETAF Soldiers.

“One of the most challenging items has been the creation of the thigh pistol holster,” said Stocchero.

“It took a couple days, because I didn’t have the right dimensions, but then I showed the first model and once I completed the piece, some military members from Germany also asked me for the design.”

“While working, I use all the experience of my previous job, when I was working as an upholsterer in a local shop,” Stocchero recalls.

“I enjoy working here,” he continued, “because it is enjoyable to be able to produce an object –that functions correctly – quickly.”

Creating and fabricating all the products on post considerably reduces the cost and time of achievement compared to ordering and buying commercial products.

Various items are also created and repaired for other agencies on post.

For instance, he just completed the repair of the gym training boards. First, he put a layer of foam rubber and then he covered it with a new rubber coat.

According to Nevio Toich, IMMA Production Control supervisor, Stocchero is easy going and a pleasure to work with.

“If we have a new equipment item [that requires additional work] we bring it to him and he always finds a solution,” Toich highlighted.

“He is extremely independent and shortly after we bring him a new piece, he comes back with the solution,” said Toich.



Above: Mauro Stocchero checks some of the gym training boards that have been reupholstered. After the last control they will be transported to the body shop. He also makes and repairs variuos items including vehicles canvas tarps, chairs and bicycle rack covers.

Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

Horse and carriage ride in Vicenza

Want a ride around the city of Vicenza in a horse and carriage? The ride begins and ends in *Piazza Biade*, which is the square adjoining the main square downtown.

The route takes you down the different streets of downtown and takes about 20 minutes.

The rides can be taken on any Friday or Saturday between 5- 11:30 p.m. until Sept. 30.

Cost is 15 euro and four adults can fit in the carriage.

Palio in Siena

The world famous *Palio di Siena* is set for July 2 and again Aug. 16.

Start of the Palio in July is at 5:20 p.m. with a historical parade, which arrives into square where the race is run.

The horses enter the square around 7 p.m. for a start time of the race at 7:30 p.m. Don't be late! The race, once it starts, lasts approximately two minutes.

Entrance into the square, standing room only, is free. If you go early to get a good position in the square make sure you take headgear as there is no shade in the square. The race is also shown on national TV, usually inserted in the news program.

Other events

Find antique markets open July 2 in the following towns:

Marostica- Find 130 vendors
Brugine (province of Padova) in the grounds of Villa Roberti- Find 300 vendors

Noventa Vicentina - On the grounds of Villa Barbarico.

The town of Villalta di Gazzo, province of Padova, will be holding its town fair, which is entirely dedicated to cheese, June 30- July 4, each evening starts at 7 p.m. when

the food stands open and at 9 p.m. there will be dancing to different music groups. There is also an exhibition of antique motorbikes and tractors.

Vicenza: July 6 in Piazza dei Signori enjoy music by Verdi, Puccini, Rossini and Mascagni played and sung by the Orchestra and Chorus of Vicenza directed by Giuliano Fracasso.

International military band festival

The 15th edition of the International Military Band Tattoo will take place July 10-15 in the city of Modena.

There will be three bands from Italy: The Italian Army Band, the Artillery Brigade Band and the 6th Regiment Bersaglieri Fanfare.

From Great Britain: The Band of the Royal Regiment of Scotland, and from Sweden, the Mounted Band of the Royal Life Guards will perform.

Tickets are available online, as is the program, from www.modenafestivalbande.it.

Upcoming concerts

Catch the following concerts in the Verona arena:

July 10: Eric Clapton
July 17: Ben Harper
July 24: Ennio Morricone
Sept. 9: Pooh
Sept. 16: Pearl Jam
Madonna performs in Rome Aug. 6.

Tickets are available online at www.ticketone.com, or at local music stores.

Non-competitive march

A competitive and a non-competitive road race and volksmarch "*La corsa del trenino*" (the trains route), held July 2, is for those who love nature and want to enjoy the mountain air.

The 22 km event departs from the town of *Cogollo del Cengio* (297mt) and finishes in Asiago (1000mt).

There's also a possibility to participate in a relay race – the first runner will go from the starting point to the town of Campiello (9 km) and the other from Campiello to Asiago (13 km).

Departure time is 9 a.m. from Cogollo del Cengio. The route taken is that of a steam train that went through the mountain area from Cogollo del Cengio to Asiago in bygone days.

For details, call the Asiago tourist office at 0424-462-221.

Dinner with Lionora

If you fancy having dinner with Lionora in the *Castello Superiore*, in Marostica July 21 at 8 p.m. it may be wise to reserve your tickets now.

The medieval dinner is among ladies and noblemen, musicians, falconers and pageboys.

There will also be a presentation of the 20 beauties who will participate in the election of Lionora, the lady of the September Chess Game held Sept. 8. 9. 10.

For details and reservations call the Marostica tourist office at 0424-72127.

Boat trips on the Brenta river

Now is the perfect weather to take a boat trip on the Brenta river and along the way stop and visit several of the Veneto villas that are open to the public.

The boat ride, the price you want to pay and the time you have to spare will govern which itinerary is best for you and your family.

Several of the rides offer the possibility to have a fish dinner, or at your choice, a packed lunch.

Find all the information you need on www.booking-on-line.com, click on *I Battelli del Brenta*.

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

June 27	CLOSED	
June 28	Phat Girlz (PG13)	7 p.m.
June 29	Lucky Number Seven (R)	7 p.m.
June 30	Goal! The Dream Begins (PG13)	7 p.m.
July 1	Scary Movie 4 (PG13)	7 p.m.
	Goal! The Dream Begins (PG13)	9:30 p.m.
July 2	The Wild (G)	4 p.m.
	The Sentinel (PG13)	7 p.m.
July 3	CLOSED	
July 4	CLOSED	

Camp Darby Theater

Beginning in June, Camp Darby will also air movies on Thursdays.

June 29	The Sentinel (R)	6 p.m.
June 30	Mission Impossible 3 (PG13)	6 p.m.
July 1	Scary Movie 4 (PG13)	6 p.m.
July 2	The Wild (G)	2 p.m.

Movie Synopsis

PHAT GIRLZ - *Monique Imes, Godfrey Danchimah*. A smart-mouthed aspiring fashion designer struggles to find love and acceptance in a world full of "hot bodied" babes.

GOAL! THE DREAM BEGINS- *Kuno Becker, Stephen Dillane*. As an underprivileged Mexican-American immigrant growing up in the poor section of Los Angeles, Santiago Munez seemed destined to follow his father's path in life: laboring at menial jobs to earn just enough money to support his family. Naturally gifted, his amazing talent on the soccer field was wasted in recreation league games while he could only dream of playing on the world stage of professional soccer.

THE SENTINEL - *Michael Douglas, Kiefer Sutherland*. Pete Garrison is the most decorated agent in the history of the Secret Service - the president's last line of defense. But now, wrongly suspected of targeting the president for assassination, Garrison has become the Service's worst nightmare. As he uses his formidable skills to try and prove his innocence and find the real assassin, Garrison is tracked by his equally adept former protégée.

SCARY MOVIE 4 - *Molly Shannon, Anna Faris*. The Scary Movie gang is back with send-ups of "War of the Worlds," "The Grudge," "The Village," "Saw" and "Saw II," "Million Dollar Baby" and much more.

LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN - *Bruce Willis, Morgan Freeman*. Set in New York City, a case of mistaken identity lands Slevin in the middle of a war being plotted by two of the city's most rival crime bosses: The Rabbi and The Boss. Slevin is under constant surveillance by relentless Detective Brikowski as well as the infamous assassin Goodkat and finds himself having to hatch his own ingenious plot to get them...before they get him.

THE WILD - *Kiefer Stherland, Eddie Izzard*. In this computer-animated comedy-adventure, an assortment of animals from the New York Zoo - including a lion, a giraffe, an anaconda, a koala, and a squirrel - discover what a jungle the city can be when one of their own is mistakenly shipped to the wild and they embark on a dangerous mission to rescue him.

Admission: Adults age 12 and over \$4, children \$2.
The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time.
Tickets to blockbuster shows are presold at Baskin Robbins.

Livorno Unit School information

Livorno Unit School Press Release

Over the summer, Livorno Unit School will have limited hours. Hours are posted below.

If you are PCSing this summer, contact Marina Selmi, Livorno Unit School secretary, at 633-7573 before July 17, and she will have your student records ready to pick up. It is important that you take copies of your child's records to the new school.

If you are new to Livorno, please call 633-7573 to pick up a registration packet. The secretary's office is in the High School.

School starts on Aug. 28th for Grades 1-12 and Sept. 5 for Kindergarten.

PSCD and Kindergarten will have

home visits by the teachers during the first week of school. Teachers will contact you for appointments.

Summer hours are from 8 a.m.-noon, and 1-3 p.m.

High School

Secretary: Marina Selmi, is available until July 17.

Cathy Magni, Livorno Unit School principal, is available until July 2.

Telephone numbers are 633-7573 or commercial: 050-54-7573

Elementary School

Carol Paulsen, assistant principal, is available July 20-Aug. 8, and may be reached at 633-7489 or commercial: 050-54-7489

Dinsmore Thomas, supply technician, is available from July 10-Aug. 8 and may be reached at 633-7058 or commercial: 050-54-7058.

Camp Darby Freedom Square dedicated to WWII hero

Story and photos by Chiara Mattiolo
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

The USAG Livorno main square was dedicated Thursday in a special ceremony to the memory of Pvt. Masato "Curly" Nakae, a great American Soldier who fought during WWII in the vicinity of Pisa with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate). For his heroic acts he was awarded the Medal of Honor.

The Color Guard, for the occasion was composed of Soldiers from the 100th Infantry Battalion, 9th Regional Support Command from Hawaii.

Attending the ceremony were Nakae's daughter and her family: Anne Nakae Kuroda, her husband Randall, and their children, Stephenie and Kenneth.

"My father never saw himself as a hero, more likely as someone that had to do what he had to do. Many times he told me he was just lucky, many other deserving soldiers never got the chance to come back home, those he considered the real heroes. This honor of my father must be shared with others that fought with him and those who suffered from the war, that is the only way he would have accepted this great recognition," said Anne Nakae Kuroda.

"We are honored to have with us Private Nakae's daughter, Anne Nakae Kuroda, and her family" said Lt. Col. Stephen Sicinski, commander, USAG Livorno.

Many veterans from Nakae's unit were unable to make it to the ceremony, so Randall Kuroda expressed his gratitude representing veterans of the 100th Infantry Battalion.

"My father was also a member of the 100th Infantry Bn" Kuroda said "But unfortunately he was not physically able to come today, so the veterans allowed me to wear this shirt I am wearing today [the veterans shirt] and represent them.

"First of all I want to thank the Italian people who always supported our troops even though Italy was suffering from the war," he continued.

Kuroda spent some words remembering



The marble block hosting the Masato Nakae Dedication plaque is unveiled by (left to right) Maj. Gen. David T. Zabecki, former commander, SETAF Rear and actually serving with USAREUR, Anne Nakae Kuroda, daughter of Pvt. Masato Nakae, Kenneth Kuroda, Pvt. Nakae's grandson, Randall Kuroda, Anne Nakae's husband, Stephanie Kuroda, Nakae's granddaughter, and Lt. Col. Stephen Sicinski, USAG Livorno commander.

Pvt. Nakae and what lessons he passed over.

"Nakae never talked to us about war, all we knew about Italy was about picking and eating artichokes, he didn't want to be considered a hero he said heroes never made it back home, but a lesson he passed on it is that it is not always easy, but you have to do the right thing," Kuroda said.

"This is the area we just knew as 'Tombolo,'" said Joseph "Jumbo Joe" Kuroda. Joseph Kuroda represented the veterans of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. He is a former state senator of Hawaii and retired Army Reserve colonel.

"I come to you today in name of the president of the 442nd Regimental Combat

veteran team remembering the man who suggested the name for the dedication of this square and who urged the U.S. and Italian governments to make today's ceremony possible. I am talking about our friend, George Watanabe, who died Sept. 18, 2005 and served as a civilian on this post for long time," said Kuroda.

Guest speaker of the ceremony was Maj. Gen. David T. Zabecki, former commanding general of Southern European Task Force Rear and currently serving with USAREUR.

Zabecki was personally involved in the effort to rename Freedom Square in honor of Pvt. Nakae.

"For their numbers and length of service, the Japanese Americans of the 442nd

Regimental Combat Team, including the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion, became the most decorated unit in American military history. As one of the senior-most military historians in the U.S. Army today, I take a great pride in participating in the dedication of this square in honor of Pvt. First Class Masato Nakae. In naming this square in his honor today, his legacy lives on, not only as an example of courage to Japanese-Americans, but to all Americans, especially those who wear the uniform today," concluded Zabecki.

After the unveiling, celebrations continued with a reception at the Camp Darby Community Club where Nakae's family cut a great big cake dedicated to their ancestor.

Anne Nakae Kuroda addresses a few words of gratitude before the unveiling of the monument dedicated to her father, Masato "Curly" Nakae, Medal of Honor Recipient for heroism during WWII. Nakae, was a Japanese-American Soldier who fought during WWII in the vicinity of Pisa with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the 100th Infantry Battalion (Separate).



Pvt. Nakae's family, (left to right) Stephanie, Anne, Kenneth and Randall Kuroda, together with Maj. Gen. David T. Zabecki cut the cake at the reception following the dedication ceremony.

Memorial Fund established to honor George "Joji" Watanabe

Submitted by Nelli Fujii Anderson
Special to the Outlook

Nellie Fujii Anderson, recipient of the 2003 Seattle Nisei Veterans Committee Commander's Award, has announced that she will be embarking on a memorial fundraising campaign to honor the memory of George "Joji" Watanabe and to help raise funds for the Seattle NVC's Capital Campaign.

Anderson and her husband visited Italy and the battlefields near Massa/Carrara where the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team and 100th Infantry Battalion engaged in WWII's most fierce conflicts.

During the many months prior to their travels, Nellie communicated via e-mail with Nisei veteran George "Joji" Watanabe, who made his home in Livorno, Italy. Watanabe was considered by many as the NVC's "unofficial ambassador" to the many visitors who made the pilgrimage back to the Italian battlefields and the villages that the Nisei soldiers help liberate from the Germans.

"Joji provided us with such valuable history about the Nisei soldiers who fought on Mount Belvedere as they breached the Gothic Line," said Nellie. "He truly made history come alive."

Sadly, Watanabe passed away three weeks before Anderson and her companions traveled to Italy.

"I was so saddened knowing that I would never have the opportunity to meet this wonderful man," recalled Anderson. "I was so impressed by his generosity of spirit and it was evident that he touched many people with his kindness, enthusiasm, knowledge and passion for keeping the legacy of the Nisei soldier alive in Italy."

As a way of honoring Watanabe's memory, Anderson has launched a campaign to raise money for the NVC Capital Campaign.

"Joji had so many friends throughout the United States and Europe, many of whom visited Joji in Italy," said Anderson. "I would like to contact all the 'friends of Joji' and ask them for a donation to as a way to honor his memory."

Anyone who is interested in contributing to the "Friends of Joji" fund, please contact Anderson at nellie@fujii.com or (206)915-4471, or send donations to "Friends of Joji", c/o Nellie Fujii Anderson, 3247 Cascadia Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98144. Please make all checks payable to Seattle NVC (Nisei Veterans Committee).